

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Gronbeck et al.

Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned

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For: REDUCTION OF INORGANIC CONTAINMENTS IN POLYMERS
AND PHOTORESIST COMPOSITION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants file herewith the above-identified application. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 1 of text after the title, please add the following:

-- The present application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/259,117, filed December 29, 2000, incorporated herein by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 8-18, 20-29 and 39-40.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include the priority claim for the application. The claims also have been amended for the sole purpose of reducing initial filing fees. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in the present or continuing application.